

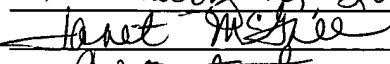


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Serial No. 10/692,021) Examiner: Unknown
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For: EPIDURAL NERVE ROOT ACCESS)
CATHETER AND TREATMENT METHODS)

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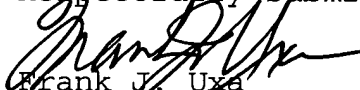
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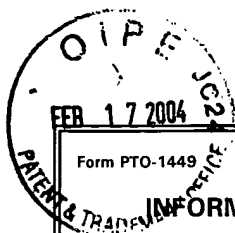
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